

2019 🍏 2020 School Programs

Discover Albany Visitors Center & Henry Hudson Planetarium



Early Life in Albany (Grades 2-12)

Participatory program explores Henry Hudson's voyage, Native American and Dutch trade, colonial history and Albany's resulting development. Student re-enactment, planetarium presentation, interactive History Game and archeological artifacts from several local excavations are used as teaching tools.

Community, Architecture & History (Grades K-3)

Albany's history and magnificent architecture come alive during a guided walk through the community of downtown Albany. Students will be tasked with planning, designing and building their very own urban, suburban or rural community through the use of building blocks and other creative resources. Planetarium program may be incorporated upon request.

Lil' Navigators (April-October. Limit 25 students)

Lil' Navigators is an abbreviated sensory walking tour of Albany's historic Quackenbush Square and Visitor Center. After their adventure, the sailors will travel back to the Henry Hudson Planetarium, where they will learn about the constellations fellow navigator Henry Hudson would have used on his ocean voyages.

Twinkle Time (Grades Pre K-K)

Young skywatchers discover twinkling stars, planets, constellation pictures and sky stories inside our planetarium dome.

Little Star That Could (Grades K-2)

The story of one star's journey traveling the universe in search of planets. Each planet is introduced with basic information about our solar system.

Wonders of the Universe (Grades 2-12)

Exploration of seasonal constellations, planets, galaxies and other amazing wonders of the universe.

Walking Tours:

(\$3.50 per person/10 chaperones free)
Available April - October | \$50 Minimum

General Historic Albany Walking Tours

(Grades 4-12)

An orientation to the rich history of the City of Albany.

A Dutch Stroll

(Grades 4-12)

A Dutch Stroll is a guided walking tour within the original perimeter of Beverwyck. Learn how the tenacious Dutch adapted to the New World, formed relationships with the Native Americans and adjusted to English rule before the Revolution.

Erie Albany: A Historic Ghost Tour for Adventurous Students

(Grades 4-12)

The haunted walking tour leads students through downtown Albany, where the lost remnants of Fort Orange remain buried beneath their feet. A strange, unusual and creative way to learn about Albany history!

Wild Tails

(Grades 1-3)

Wild Tails is an energetic architectural scavenger hunt. Students will uncover carvings and statues hidden in plain sight. Your guide will regale you with historic 'tails' of Albany's long-time love of furry friends, including Owey the Railway Mail Dog and our beloved Nipper!

Albany's Amazing Architecture

(Grades 9-12)

The architecture in downtown Albany is like none other in the United States. This tour will reveal the rich history of the city through the creative expressions of the architects who built her.

*The programs above are \$3.50 per student. The minimum group fee is \$70

Double the Educational Experience



The following programs have been developed with partner museums for double the education.

Hudson River Trading Game & Navigating the Seas (Grades 4-5)

A 34-foot interactive Hudson River game board recreates the challenges of trading and sailing on the Hudson River during the late 1700's, illustrates how Hudson River trade was linked to global trade and includes a lesson in star navigation in the Henry Hudson Planetarium. Program takes place at the Visitors Center in partnership with Historic Cherry Hill. \$5 per student / minimum group fee is \$100.

Double Dutch (Grades 3-12)

An exploration of archeological artifacts from Fort Orange, touchable objects, and life size representations of Native and Dutch people brings to life the story of early Dutch inhabitants of the upper Hudson Valley. The first portion of this program takes place at Crailo State Historic Site. The second portion of this program, Early Life in Albany, takes place at the Albany Visitors Center. \$5 per student / minimum group fee is \$100.

Ancient Egypt and Stars of the Pharaohs (Grades 3-12)

View the Albany Institute of History & Art exhibit, Ancient Egypt, to discover the culture and customs of daily life in ancient Egypt. The astronomy program, Stars of the Pharaohs, takes place at the Henry Hudson Planetarium. Call for pricing.

Voyage on the Hudson: An Adventure Inspired by Henry Hudson (Grades K-12)

This unique experience includes an introduction to Early Life in Albany at the Albany Visitor Center and an adventure on the Hudson River with the Dutch Apple Cruises. Students will learn the tale of Henry Hudson's harrowing adventure on the Hudson River. The river cruise will include a guided tour and a hands on nautical themed craft. April - October. \$13 per person / 50 passengers minimum.

Follow the North Star & The Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence (Grades 4-12)

At the Albany Visitor Center, students will learn the important role astronomy played in the Freedom Seekers' journey to freedom along the Underground Railroad. The story of Albany's role in the Abolitionist movement will come alive after a journey to The Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence, an important stop on the Underground Railroad. Students can experience the story of Albany abolitionists, through interactive, innovative activities, and learn the challenges that confronted these early civil rights activists. \$7 per student. For every 10 students, one adult comes free. Additional adult admission is \$10.



Group Reservation Information

Programs are available by appointment only. Programs address Common Core Learning Standards and include an interactive activity designed to reinforce topics explored during programs. Call (518) 434-0405 or email accvb@albany.org.

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